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SUBJECT: U.S.S. LONG BEACH ARRIVES AUCKLAND

1. U.S. LONG BEACH ARRIVED AUCKLAND 0600 HOURS THIS MORNING, PASSED THROUGH CONTINGENT OF APPROXIMATELY 100 "PEACE SQUADRON" BOATS AT HARBOR ENTRANCE WITHOUT INCIDENT AND PROCEEDED TO NUMBER THREE ANCHORAGE. IN ADDITION TO PROTESTING BOATS, THERE WERE A NUMBER OF WELCOMING ONES.

2. I CALLED ON COMMANDING OFFICER, CAPTAIN SCHRADER, AT 0815 HOURS AND INTRODUCED HIM AT SHIPBOARD PRESS CONFERENCE WHICH FOLLOWED.

CONFERENCE WELL ATTENDED BY NEW ZEALAND PRESS AND SUPERBLY HANDLED BY CAPTAIN SCHRADER. PRESS COVERAGE OF VISIT, PARTICULARLY IN AUCKLAND PAPERS, HAS BEEN HEAVY FOR PAST WEEK, CENTERING
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PRIMARILY ON CONTROVERSY OVER ANCHORAGE SELECTION AND "PEACE

SQUADRON" PROTEST. NO PROBLEMS AROSE FROM TODAY'S PRESS CONFERENCE.

3. SHIPBOARD LUNCHEON WHICH I HOSTED AT NOON TODAY ATTENDED BY MOST OF AUCKLAND AREA MAYORS AND SENIOR LOCAL OFFICIALS, AUCKLAND BUSINESS AND CIVIC LEADERS, EDITORS OF TWO LARGEST NEWSPAPERS AND TELEVISION AND RADIO DIRECTORS. SON, DAUGHTER AND SON-IN-LAW OF NEW ZEALAND GOVERNOR GENERAL BLUNDELL ALSO ATTENDED. CAPTAIN SCHRADER AND I BOTH RECEIVED NUMEROUS COMMENTS OF APPRECIATION AND APPROVAL OF THE VISIT FROM THOSE WHO ATTENDED.

4. RNZN HAS BEEN MOST HELPFUL IN VISIT PREPARATIONS AND DIAL-A-SAILOR PROGRAM HAS BEEN INUNDATED WITH HOSPITALITY OFFERS FROM NEW ZEALAND CITIZENS. OVER 300 INVITATIONS FOR GROUPS OF TWO OR THREE SAILORS RECEIVED IN FIRST TWO AND HALF HOURS.

5. AS EXPECTED WATERSIDERS HAVE REFUSED TO WORK PORT DURING SHIP'S VISIT, HOWEVER LOCAL HARBOR FERRIES OPERATING. DEMONSTRATORS AT WHARF OPPOSING VISIT HAVE BEEN FEW (36 AT 11 A.M.) AND WELL-CONTROLLED BY POLICE. WHARFSIDE DEMONSTRATIONS SCHEDULED FOR THIS EVENING.
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